This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-30 (canceled).

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method for use in a conditional access system, in which a first scrambled broadcast stream is transmitted to a first decoder by a first service provider in a first region and a second scrambled broadcast stream is transmitted to a second decoder by a second service provider in a second region different from said first region, said first and second decoders being operable to receive a plurality of control messages including information for descrambling the first and second broadcast streams, the method comprising:

the second service provider receiving from a user a request for access to the second broadcast stream at the second decoder;

the second service provider checking whether the user is authorised to access the second broadcast stream by checking that a subscription arrangement exists between the user and the first service provider, and in the event the user is authorised authorized to access the second broadcast stream, the second service provider transmitting a plurality of control messages to said second decoder separately from the second broadcast stream.

Claim 32 (previously presented): A method according to claim 31, wherein said control messages are alone sufficient to descramble said second broadcast stream.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A method according to claim 31, further comprising denying a service to the first decoder while the ~~plurality of~~ control messages ~~is~~ are being sent to the second decoder.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein the control messages comprise entitlement control messages, and the first decoder further receives entitlement management messages for providing subscription information, wherein denying a service to the first decoder comprises removing the entitlement management messages.

Claim 35 (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein the control messages comprise entitlement control messages, and the first decoder further receives entitlement management messages for providing subscription information, wherein denying a service to the first decoder comprises sending entitlement management messages that indicate that subscription rights are not available in the first region while the user is roaming to the second region.

Claim 36 (previously presented): A method according to claim 31, wherein the first decoder is arranged to receive control messages transmitted with the first broadcast stream and the second decoder is arranged to receive control messages separate from the second broadcast stream.

Claim 37 (previously presented): A method according to claim 31, wherein the first decoder is associated with a first smart card, and a user uses a second smart card to request access to the second broadcast stream at the second decoder.

Claim 38 (canceled)

Claim 39 (currently amended): A conditional access system, comprising:

a first decoder for receiving a first scrambled broadcast stream from a first service provider in a first region;

a second decoder for receiving a second scrambled broadcast stream from a second service provider in a second region different from said first region, said first and second decoders being operable to receive a plurality of control messages including information for descrambling the first and second broadcast streams, the system further comprising:

a subscription authorisation module to enable the second service provider to check if a user is authorised to access the second broadcast at the second decoder in response to a request for access from the user; and

in the event that access is authorised, a transmitter for transmitting the control messages to the second decoder separately from the second broadcast stream.,

wherein the subscription authorization module is operable to check that a subscription arrangement exists between the user and the first service provider to determine whether the user is authorised to access the second broadcast at the second decoder.

Claim 40 (previously presented): A system according to claim 39, wherein the first decoder is associated with a first smart card and the subscription authorisation module is arranged to receive a request from a second smart card at the second decoder.

Claim 41 (previously presented): A system according to claim 40, wherein the first smart card is a software smart card.

Claim 42 (previously presented): A system according to claim 40, wherein the first smart card is a virtual smart card.

Claim 43 (previously presented): A system according to claim 40, wherein the second smart card is a software smart card.

Claim 44 (previously presented): A system according to claim 40, wherein the second smart card is a virtual smart card.

Claim 45 (previously presented): A system according to claim 39, further comprising means for preventing the first decoder from accessing the first broadcast stream.

Claim 46 (previously presented): A system according to claim 45, wherein the preventing means comprise means for removing the user's subscription rights through entitlement control messages sent to the first decoder.

Claim 47 (previously presented): A system according to claim 45, wherein the preventing means comprise means for removing the entitlement control messages sent to the first decoder.